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Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee  
November 3, 2005

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Robertson, at 9:58 a.m. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Arguello, Daniel	SGVCOG
Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Bowlen, Paul ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	City of Cerritos
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Davert, Doug	City of Tustin
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Edney, Jon A.	City of El Centro/IVAG
Kirby, Dan	SGVCOG
Krause, Mary Ann	City of Santa Paula
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Poe, Marilyn	City of Los Alamitos
Richardson, Laura	City of Long Beach
Robertson, Deborah ( <b>Chair</b> )	City of Rialto

**Members Not Present**

Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Hofmeyer, Daryl	City of Paramount
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Reyes, Ed	City of Los Angeles
Ten, Mike	SGVCOG
White, Charles	WRCOG Subregion

**New Member(s)**

Cathy Green	OCCOG
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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. The Chair led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following consent calendar item was approved without objection.

**4.1 Approval Item**

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of October 6, 2005

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 Draft 2006 State and Federal Legislative Program**

Charlotte Pienkos, SCAG Staff, presented the state and federal legislative program to guide Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG's) legislative activities for 2006. This year's program is a continuation of the 2005 adopted program, which was drafted with the input of SCAG's regional, state and national planning partners and the policy committees. Ms. Pienkos went over some of the slight changes to the legislation program in particular under Housing.

The Committee requested the addition of an item relating to schools to SCAG's land use policies. The Committee also requested a change to an item on redefining local and region responsibilities in implementing state housing goals to clarify that the redefinition should be favorable to local government and the region.

The CEHD also asked, during the discussion of the legislative program, for additional information on the RHNA settlement and CALCOG's growth policies. Housing staff is providing the RHNA settlement information; Government Affairs will submit an information item on the CALCOG growth policies in December.

It was moved by Councilmember Marilyn Poe and seconded by Councilmember Mary Ann Krause and passed unanimously to approve the staff recommendation

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to refer the Draft 2006 State and Federal Legislation Program to the Regional Council with the amendments.

**5.2 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and “House Your Own” Planning**

Hasan Ikhata, Director of Planning and Policy, presented a report on staff efforts working with the State for a revised approach leading to a successful regional housing needs determination in the upcoming RHNA cycle. SCAG’s focus is to develop a policy rather than a statistically based RHNA that emphasizes the use of improved growth data locally to help subregions and communities “house their own”, and identify priority investment zones where incentives may be targeted to encourage additional housing development. Director Ikhata informed the Committee that the state has not given staff the go ahead to change the RHNA process.

Key element of this approach includes:

- Prepare a policy based RHNA that conforms to the House Your Own concept instead of the existing housing law statute.
- Develop a 20-year housing forecast for local governments under direction from the State.
- Fund the “House Your Own” RHNA with federal Blueprint transportation resources allocated by the State.
- Prepare a letter to HCD outlining this approach and identifying a preliminary SCAG regional housing need estimate as a basis for beginning consultation by January 2006.
- Request that the State hold SCAG harmless from lawsuits in pursuit of the above referenced approach.

It was moved by Mayor Ron Loveridge and seconded by Councilmember Jon Edney and passed unanimously to approve staff pursuit of an alternative approach to RHNA which allows greater consistency between the forecast the region prepared for the RTP and the housing need input from local government.

**6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**6.1 Highlights of the Draft 2005 State of the Region Report**

Ping Chang, SCAG Staff, presented the draft findings for the 2005 State of the Region Report which is scheduled to be published in January 2006. Mr. Chang discussed the main issue areas: Population, Economy, Housing, Transportation, Environment, Education and Safety. At the end of his presentation the members commended Mr. Chang on the visual quality and organization of the report.

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**7.0    CHAIR'S REPORT**

None.


**8.0    FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**9.0    ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Chair Robertson and seconded by Councilmember Bowlen to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. motion passed unanimously. The next CEHD meeting will be held Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at the SCAG office.

**Action Minutes Approved by:**

  
**Lynn Harris, Manager  
Community Development**